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TURKEY BREEDER HENS

January 1, 1961

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MORE TURKEY BREEDER HENS

Breeder hens on farms January 1, 1961 totaled 4,229,000, compared with 3,327,000 a year earlier--an increase of 27 percent. Heavy breed hens were estimated at 3,787,000, compared with 2,904,000 on hand January 1, 1960 --an increase of 30 percent. Light breed hens were estimated at 442,000, up 4 percent from January 1, 1960. Compared to a year earlier, testings for pullorum disease from July through December 1960 were up 43 percent for heavy breeds and 4 percent for light breeds. Heavy white breeds, which accounted for 32 percent of all heavies tested July-December 1960, were 80 percent above the corresponding period of 1959.

In October 1960, breeder flock owners in the 15 of the most important States indicated their intentions to keep 26 percent more heavy breed hens than the previous year. Their intentions to keep light breed hens was for about the same number as in the 1960 hatching season. This compares with 30 percent more heavy breed hens and 4 percent more light breed hens on hand January 1, 1961 than a year earlier. Growers, as of January 1, indicated they intended to raise 20 percent more turkeys during 1961 than were raised during 1960. They planned an increase of 22 percent in heavy breeds and a 5 percent increase in light breeds. The number of breeder hens on hand January 1 will be adequate to meet the intentions of growers to produce a larger turkey crop than was produced in 1960.

The number of heavy breed hens on January 1, 1961 was above a year earlier in all regions of the country. Increases were 36 percent in the South Atlantic, 34 percent in the West, 33 percent in the West North Central, 27 percent in the East North Central, 25 percent in the South Central, and 3 percent in the North Atlantic region. The 10 leading States, which account for 76 percent of all heavy breed hens in the Nation, ranked in the order of importance are California, Minnesota, Texas, Oregon, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin, North Carolina, and Virginia.

Number of light breed hens on farms January 1 was 4 percent more than on January 1, 1960. Increases from a year earlier of 50 percent in the North Atlantic, 16 percent in the South Atlantic, and 11 percent in the West North Central more than offset decreases of 15 percent in the West, 14 percent in the South Central, and 5 percent in the East North Central States. The 10 leading States, with 89 percent of the light breed hens, are Virginia, Minnesota, Ohio, Texas, Iowa, Oregon, West Virginia, Missouri, California, and Florida.

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State and division	Heavy breeds			Light breeds		
	1960	1961	1961 as percent of 1960	1960	1961	1961 as percent of 1960
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
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Maine	2	1	50	---	---	---
N.H.	16	16	100	---	---	---
Vt.	3	2	67	---	---	---
Mass.	22	25	114	---	---	---
R.I.	1	1	100	---	---	---
Conn.	21	21	100	1	1	100
N.Y.	28	30	107	---	---	---
N.J.	7	7	100	---	1	---
Pa.	37	38	103	3	4	133
N.Atl.	137	141	103	4	6	150
Ohio	99	132	133	48	44	92
Ind.	24	36	150	3	4	133
Ill.	32	31	97	3	3	100
Mich.	64	83	130	3	3	100
Wis.	84	104	124	2	2	100
E.N.Cent.	303	386	127	59	56	95
Minn.	360	495	138	85	85	100
Iowa	177	201	114	20	30	150
Mo.	126	172	137	15	18	120
N.Dak.	28	43	154	---	---	---
S.Dak.	17	18	106	1	1	100
Nebr.	27	35	130	1	1	100
Kans.	35	62	177	1	2	200
W.N.Cent.	770	1,026	133	123	137	111
Del.	1	2	200	---	---	---
Md.	8	9	112	---	---	---
Va.	54	90	167	99	116	117
W.Va.	6	6	100	21	21	100
N.C.	65	98	151	---	---	---
S.C.	37	43	116	1	1	100
Ga.	22	21	95	1	3	300
Fla.	12	9	75	9	11	122
S.Atl.	205	278	136	131	152	116
Ky.	48	68	142	---	---	---
Tenn.	15	14	93	---	---	---
Ala.	18	22	122	3	3	100
Miss.	19	19	100	3	2	67
Ark.	47	70	149	7	5	71
La.	14	14	100	---	---	---
Okla.	53	56	106	4	6	150
Texas	211	269	127	42	35	83
S.Cent.	425	532	125	59	51	86
Mont.	2	2	100	---	---	---
Idaho	6	7	117	3	1	33
Wyo.	2	2	100	---	---	---
Colo.	10	14	140	1	1	100
N.Mex.	7	8	114	---	---	---
Ariz.	9	7	78	---	---	---
Utah	46	54	117	---	3	---
Nev.	0	0	---	---	---	---
Wash.	30	26	87	---	---	---
Oreg.	147	208	141	23	23	100
Calif.	805	1,096	136	20	12	60
West.	1,064	1,424	134	47	40	85
U.S.	2,904	3,787	130	423	442	104